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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and § 1.98, Applicants herewith make of record Japanese Publication No. 07-249417, published September 26, 1995, including an English abstract, which may be material during the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application:

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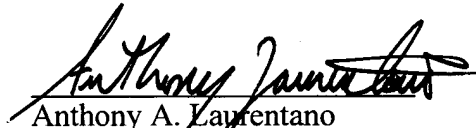
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A copy of the foregoing Japanese publication, including English abstract, and a reproduction of PTO Form 1449 accompany this statement.

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